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Ref: 3530-20944

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir L, SUA and SUB
BROUSSARD FIELD
Lafayette Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Beta Oil & Gas, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Beta Oil & Gas, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir L, SUA and SUB, in the Broussard Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 480 acres designated as the Bol M3 RL SUA and Bol M3 RL SUB, Broussard Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Bolivina Mexicana Zone, Reservoir L in the Broussard Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 16,162 feet and 16,436 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Newfield Exploration-Eddie Knight No. 1 Well, located in Section 51, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

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In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on August 17, 2001. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Bill Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates presented the geographic plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. David Sturlese on behalf of Dawn Development Company presented a plan which altered the north and south boundary to the proposed plan. Mr. James A. Baird representing himself proposed one geological unit of 485 acres. The rights of the parties were reserved. It is anticipated that there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Bol M 3 RL SUA and SUB, Broussard Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of 11,000+ names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application, as the list consists of approximately 450 pages. Should any such party desire to view a copy of this list or request a copy of said list, you may do so by contacting our office.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from W. H. Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties
on attendance list

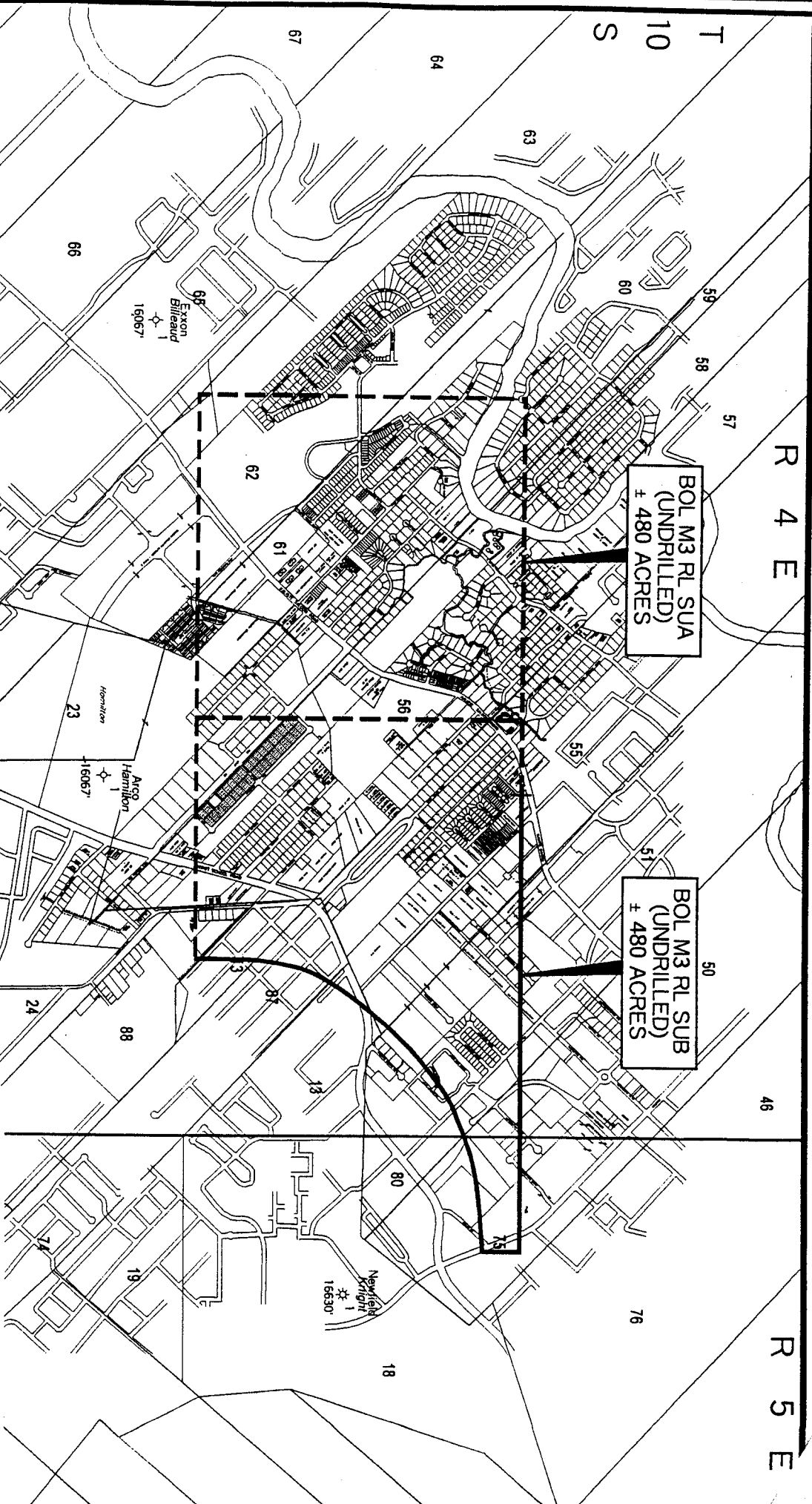
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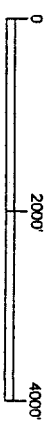
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EXHIBIT NO. DATE:
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